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A METHOD OF MONITORING MULTIMEDIA STREAM EXCHANGE SESSION
INITIALIZATION MESSAGES AND A SERVER AND AN INSTALLATION
5 FOR CARRYING OUT SAID METHOD

The invention relates to a method of monitoring multimedia stream exchange session initialization messages transmitted in packet mode via a monitoring 10 server over a network between a sender terminal and one or more receiver terminals. Said method comprises a step (50) of estimating a bit rate value for at least one initialization packet received by the monitoring server, a step (52) of comparing said value to a maximum 15 authorized bit rate value, and a step (40) of authorizing transmission of the initialization packet only if the bit rate value for said packet does not exceed the maximum authorized bit rate value. The estimated bit rate value is optionally an average value that is measured over a 20 sliding time window. The invention also relates to a server and an installation for carrying out the method of the invention.

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